News from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services
State of Hawaii

MESSAGE FROM CIO CHRISTINE SAKUDA

Aloha ETS!

Over the past three months I've been able to meet with more than 100 ETS staff members in one-on-one discussions with about 30 more to go. It has been a pleasure to hear your ideas, commitment, and encouragement about making ETS not only a great place to work, but a positive contributor to our state government.

One important comment that has been repeated by several of you is the need for better communication on the bigger picture at ETS.

Toward that end I can report that several teams are now working hard to update mandatory reports before the 2025 legislative session begins in January including the CIO's Annual Report, the Consolidation IT Services Report, and the Strategic Plan Update.

You may be asked to provide information for these reports which are critical for providing lawmakers with the details needed to understand the role ETS is playing in planning and building effective IT infrastructure in our state.

Next week, the week of November 4, ETS IT consultant Info-Tech will in town to join me in meeting state department leadership to discuss their program priorities that help inform our IT strategic plans. They will be working out of the B30 conference

room and thank you in advance for your hospitality as they transition in and out of the office.

I know this work is challenging and I'm very thankful for your contributions every day to support the progress we make. Let's keep the communication going in both directions.

Mahalo!

Chief Information Officer and administrator of the Office of Enterprise Technology Services Christine M. Sakuda

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HACC PRESENTATION AND JUDGING DAY SET FOR NOV. 16

The final presentations and judging for the 9th Hawaiʻi Annual Code Challenge (HACC) will be held on Saturday, November 16 at the University of Hawaiʻi West Oahu starting at 10 a.m.

Departing UH President David Lassner will be the featured speaker.

More than 140 high school and college students and young professionals have formed teams to solve six specific code challenges submitted by government, nonprofit, educational and technology groups.

The teams will present their challenge solutions as they compete for first place prizes

of $3,000 in three categories, $2,000 for second place and $1,000 for third place.

For the first time a "Meet and Connect Expo" will be held to bring together technology companies and government departments with young people at the beginning of their careers in IT.

For more information about the HACC visit https://hacc.hawaii.gov/

ETS staff that would like to volunteer for the event can email james.gonser@hawaii.gov.

OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
NEW HIRES AND RETIREMENTS

New hires include:

- Jayke Manzano, ETS Human Resources Assistant
- Timothy Lee, Business Analyst (Budgeting)
- Ingrid Adams, Business Analyst (Accounting/Finance)
- Joseph Pierce, Time and Attendance Analyst
- Chiaki Arai, Information Technology Band B

Retirements include:

- Susan Bannister, Administrative Assistant IV - 25 years (10/31/24)
- James Heidtke, Computer Operator II - 40 years (10/31/24)
- Debbie Ashing, Network Control Supervisor - 47 years (12/30/24)

STATE TO HOST HAWAII DIGITAL GOVERNMENT SUMMIT

The Hawaii Digital Government Summit was postponed and is now scheduled for Dec. 4. The summit is for and about technology in state and local government.

Governor Josh Green, M.D. will give the opening address.

The purpose of the event is to foster discussion and dialogue on the use of information technology as a strategic tool for managers, executives, and policy makers.

For more information: GovTech

ETS IS HIRING!

ETS has several job openings to fill. If you know someone that may be interested in being part of our dynamic, innovative team that works on the latest cutting-edge technology in the industry, please visit jobs, for more information.

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